

MILITARY IN MERIDIAN

To Protect Negro Train Robber and Murderer.

OTHERS ARE UNDER ARREST

Considerable Excitement and Special Session of Court Is Called.

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STORY OF KILLING.
The train had stopped at the Mobile and Ohio Railroad crossing, when a negro sprang into the mail car and without warning opened fire on the two clerks and a mail weigher, named Evans. At the first shot Stockton fell dead, shot in the mouth. Bass was hit in the shoulder and arm, and fell unconscious. Evans escaped injury by jumping from the car into the darkness.

The negro seized a through registered mail pouch and sprang from the car. The firing had not attracted the attention of any of the train crew, and the train started forward. Bass regained consciousness before the train had gained full momentum and, though very weak, crawled to the emergency air valve and succeeded in bringing the train to a stop.

BLOODHOUNDS ON TRAIL

The train was then backed into Meridian, where the bandit was captured. The bloodhounds took the trail and followed it to the cabin, where Paris was captured. Paris was in bed at the time and an investigation showed that one of his feet had been recently cut off at the ankle. Paris protests his innocence of any complicity in the hold-up, but will make no statement regarding his peculiar injury. He claims to live at Selma, Ala., and says that a negro named Joe Murray, of Birmingham, Ala., was the author of the robbery. Paris was taken before Mail Clerk Bass and identified by him as the bandit who perpetrated the robbery. A special session of court has been called to try the prisoner. It is thought that more than one person is implicated in the robbery and the negro family in whose cabin Paris was captured has been placed under arrest. Stockton was a resident of Meridian. Bass lives at Trussville, Ala.

MRS. CRUTCHFIELD KILLED BY FALL FROM WINDOW

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—Mrs. Ada Crutchfield, the beautiful wife of David Crutchfield, senior member of the banking house of Crutchfield and Company, was instantly killed by falling from the window of her apartments in the Hotel Bernard, a distance of eight stories to the court yard.

Mrs. Crutchfield was a noted belle in Little Rock, Ark. Her husband is a member of a well known banking family. A strange coincidence in connection with her death was the suicide of her great girl chum in Little Rock at the same time, because her husband, Horace G. Altis, had been convicted of wrecking a Little Rock bank, of which he was president.

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The contest was spirited and rapid throughout, both men doing exceedingly fast work. It required just forty-seven minutes for Dwyer to put down the Englishman, Joe Carroll. It was nip and tuck in this round from start to finish, and there were moments when the big crowd was on its feet, so great was the excitement and interest.

At quarter to nine o'clock, Lem Husted, well known in sporting circles in Kentucky, and, in fact, throughout the country, stepped on the stage, and made the announcement that Jack Munro accepted the challenge of Professor Dwyer to engage a match on the 10th of March. The terms of the challenge were to the effect that Munro was to secure a fall from Dwyer during one hour of actual wrestling.

Mr. Herbert Payne, the referee, and Mr. Cowardin, the time-keeper, then stepped upon the stage, followed by the two contestants.

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